

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 9, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~naturally~~ brewed alcoholic malt beverage to which caffeine is added during the ~~normal~~ brewing process, wherein the amount of caffeine added is below the threshold to effect flavor, the amount being 35.5 to 1000 parts per million by weight of the finished beverage, the beverage being characterized by improved foaming properties.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the caffeine is added during boiling.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the caffeine is added during mashing.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the caffeine is added following mashing.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the caffeine is added during finishing.

Claim 7 (original): The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 10 to 300 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.

Claim 8 (original): The beverage according to claim 7, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 20 to 100 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of improving the foaming properties of a ~~naturally~~ brewed alcoholic malt beverage without effecting flavor which comprises adding caffeine to

the malt beverage during the ~~normal~~ brewing process, wherein the amount of caffeine added is 33.5 to 1000 parts per million by weight of the finished beverage.

Claim 10 (original): The method according to claim 9, wherein said caffeine is added prior to or following fermentation.

Claim 11 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during mashing.

Claim 12 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during boiling.

Claim 13 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during finishing.

Claim 14 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during aging.

Claim 15 (original): The method according to claim 9, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 10 to 300 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.

Claim 16 (original): The method according to claim 15, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 20 to 100 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.